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What is CSSLR?

Formed in 1988, the Committee to Save Silver Lake's Reservoirs is a non profit, public benefit corporation dedicated to preserving the historical, aesthetic, ecological and recreational benefits of Silver Lake's open water reservoirs.

CSSLR is currently focusing its efforts on discussions with the LA Department of Water and Power regarding the relocation of the Silver Lake and Ivanhoe reservoirs' water storage facility to a site adjacent to Griffith Park and the Los Angeles River and the construction projects throughout Silver Lake required by that relocation. We are also working on the final design of the Silver Lake Boulevard stretch of the path around the reservoirs and helping to plan upcoming community-wide meetings to discuss future public uses of the Meadow and the Eucalyptus Grove.

Through its newsletters, website, and community events, the all-volunteer committee is dedicated to keeping the community informed about reservoir developments.

For more information about CSSLR, the Silver Lake Master Plan or to volunteer your services, please contact us at www.csslr.org or call our hotline at **323 259 3919**.

"Silver Lake Modernism – Then and Now" Home Tour

By Dave Keitel

CSSLR is doing it again. Yes, it's time for another Silver Lake Modernist home tour. This year's event, "Silver Lake Modernism – Then and Now" on September 30, offers tours of at least ten Modernist homes, including vintage works by Modernist masters as well as examples of recent designs by a new generation of architects who have embraced the principles, aesthetics and techniques of the 20th Century Modernist movement.

The tour includes pioneering works by Modernist masters Rodney Walker (the O'Neill Complex), Richard Neutra (the Flavin Residence), Gregory Ain (the Avenel Cooperative), Rudolph Schindler (at least two of the Bubeshko Apartments), Raphael Soriano (the Meyers Residence), Harwell Hamilton Harris (the Hansen Residence) and Edward Fickett (the Jacobson Residence). It also introduces works by contemporary architects, including Ana Henton and John Southern, who have been inspired by Modernist designs and techniques and have incorporated them into their recent local work.

All sites will be open for interior viewing, and shuttle buses to transport tour goers between the sites will be available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Micheltorena Street School at Micheltorena and Sunset.

Capping the event will be a rare opportunity to enjoy tours, wine and appetizers at John Lautner's Modernist masterpiece, Silvertop, whose historic infinity pool has become a globally recognized icon. Limited tickets will be sold for this magical experience. Admission to the home tour is \$75. Tickets for the tour plus the evening gala at Silvertop are available for \$150.

Funds raised from the event will help CSSLR continue its efforts to increase public access to the reservoir property and boost landscaping, recreation, pedestrian and traffic safety in the area immediately surrounding it. CSSLR also continues its mission to work with the DWP to mitigate neighborhood impacts due to changes in water quality regulations.

Be warned: two previous Silver Lake Modernist tours events have sold out before the event, so purchase of advance tickets is recommended. Advance tickets can be purchased online by visiting CSSLR's web site, at www.csslr.org or by sending checks payable to CSSLR to: CSSLR, P.O. Box 39735 Los Angeles, CA 90039.



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Keep on walking; the path continues

By Mark Beall

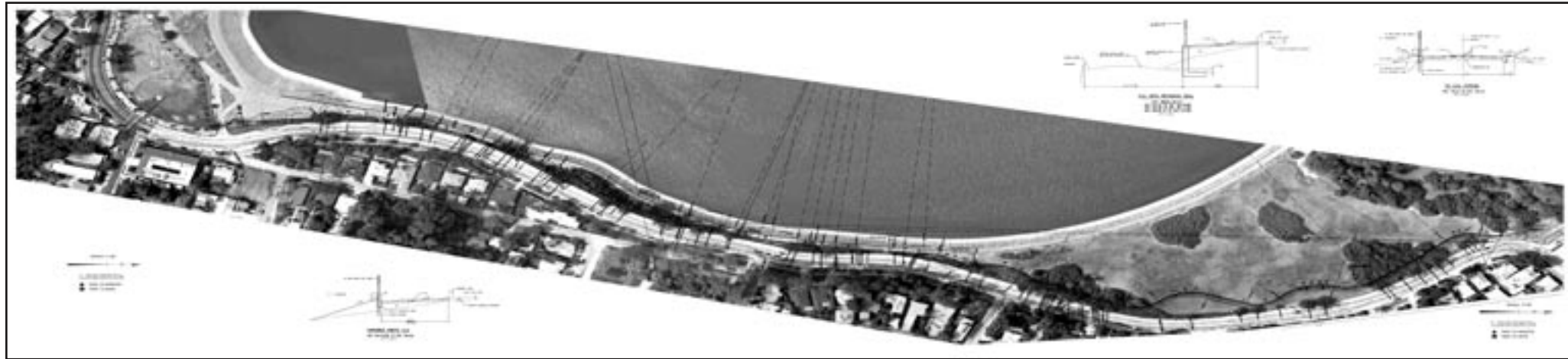
After much hard work by all, residents are coming out in droves to enjoy the new safer walking/jogging path on West Silver Lake Drive. Still, for many, high traffic Silver Lake Boulevard remains a much feared and dangerous experience. Soon that will be changing, allowing exercisers to get even closer to the reservoir and perhaps to pause at an occasional bench for resting and looking at the beautiful lake.

The City's Bureau of Engineering which designed the path along West Silver Lake Drive, is currently laying out Phase II of the project: a new walking/jogging path along the entire length of Silver Lake Boulevard from Armstrong Avenue to the Dog Park. This design was chosen by the residents who attended the workshops last fall. The path will be

similar to the one along West Silver Lake Drive with the great exception that the existing rusty fence is being removed from the existing concrete wall—the wall will remain—and the new path will meander inside the DWP property. A new, vinyl coated, chain link fence will still protect the water along the reservoir side of the path.

Although we won't have full use of the large "meadow" area until a future phase, the northern end of the new path will take pedestrians nearly 100 feet into the meadow, away from the street traffic and noise. As you travel further south, the path will shrink in some spots to a width of six to eight feet because the DWP requires a minimum 14-foot distance from the reservoir's edge. In some areas, the path will meander around or through existing plantings. Many existing trees are being preserved, but some trees and brush need to be removed. Fortunately, we will replace every removed tree with two newly planted ones.

Currently, the schedule calls for work to begin before the end of the year with completion set for next summer.



President's Message *By Andrew Sears, President CSSLR*

This year marks the 100th Birthday of the completion of Ivanhoe Reservoir and the groundbreaking of Silver Lake Reservoir, and things seem to be coming full circle for the reservoir complex. During the first 40 years, there were no fences, and Angelinos were free to take relaxing strolls around the property, away from the busy traffic and hub-bub of the city. William Mulholland annually declared fishing season open to maintain the Black Bass population. The reservoir seemed more of a park than a drinking water storage facility and it soon will again. In 2009, Silver Lake will cease to be drinking water, and Ivanhoe will follow suit in 2015. Although they'll no longer be chlorinated, the lakes will remain, and the Master Plan, initiated six years ago, will guide us on their use.

Anyone who witnessed the **Phase 1** transformation along the edge of West Silver Lake Drive into a safe, off-street pedestrian path, and the chain-link fenced ledge above Armstrong Avenue into a meandering trail under the shade of the trees can easily see what's already been achieved. Trees have been planted and trails have been landscaped. A linear park has sprouted where, for decades, people risked their lives walking in traffic. Later this year, the **Phase 2** path will continue down Silver Lake Boulevard (see related article above).

Next, with **Phase 3**, we explore further how to squeeze a park out of our imprisoned aquatic gem. The Master Plan calls for public access to the Meadow on Silver Lake Boulevard and the Eucalyptus Grove on West Silver Lake Drive. Along with access, though, comes a set of challenges: maintenance, security, public safety, and community consensus. Above all, any new park space is a terrific opportunity in our park-starved region. City Council President Eric Garcetti has found funding to hire the consultant team of Mia Lehrer + Associates/Pugh + Scarpa Architects, and Shane Goldsmith, his District Director for Community Development, is leading the charge. We've toured the property with Jon Mukri, the new General Manager of the L.A. Recreation and Parks Department (read more about him in this newsletter) to get his point of view, and we're very pleased

that he not only saw the potential for passive recreation on the site, but also was thrilled by the possibilities.

Mia Lehrer + Associates worked with the community to create the Master Plan at a time that the DWP had no idea the reservoirs would be decommissioned. Now they revisit the Master Plan, but with this new information. While the Phase 3 scope of work is restricted to the Meadow and the Eucalyptus Grove, the upcoming workshop on September 16 will also survey the community for wish lists and feedback on possibilities that were unimaginable a decade ago. Although Ron Deaton, DWP General Manager requires that the reservoirs remain fenced, it doesn't hurt to imagine ways to enjoy them as lakes. There are also five acres of buildings that could some day be used as a campus—home to nature organizations, local community groups, and demonstration gardens. Imagine camping on the Knoll, or Shakespeare on the Shore. The possibilities are limited only by our ability to dream, to implement, and to maintain. The future of the reservoirs should be shaped by all of our collective ideas, so please be sure to join us at 3 p.m. Saturday September 16 at Marshall High.

One last thing: Dave Keitel, who retired from the Presidency this past February, richly deserves our deepest appreciation for his guidance, leadership and dedication to the community process. Under his leadership, the Headworks project was born (visit www.csslr.org/res_wqp.html for more info), the newly created Silver Lake Neighborhood Council named CSSLR as their official advisory panel on reservoir issues, the first phase of the Master Plan became reality, and two home tours were the talk of the town. He was instrumental in securing the Quercus Grant through People for Parks, bringing us the outside expertise of Jim Stewart and Francine Oschin. We are grateful that his devotion endures as he and Lori Oddino co-chair our latest home tour on September 30, "Silver Lake Modernism – Then and Now" and that he continues to play an important role in planning for future public use and management of the reservoir property.

Home Tour Sponsors

As word of CSSLR's September 30 "Silver Lake Modernism – Then and Now" home tour and reception starts to spread through the community, local businesses have stepped up in its support. While a larger group of sponsors will be formally acknowledged in the event brochure, we would like to thank the following sponsors who quickly signed up before we went to press with this newsletter.

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Spotlight on Jon Mukri, General Manager of LA City Rec & Parks

By Francine Oschin



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One day this summer, Jon Kirk Mukri, recently appointed to head the city's department of Recreation and Parks, accompanied several CSSLR Board members on a walk around the Silver Lake reservoirs and talked about the property's future once the two reservoirs are removed from the municipal water supply system.

CSSLR has traditionally been concerned that the "organized recreation" focus of the Recreation and Parks might conflict with the overwhelming consensus of the Silver Lake community that the rustic and sylvan setting of the reservoir property be maintained once it is open to public use. Mukri, to the great pleasure of CSSLR, said he thoroughly understood the history and significance of the property and its importance to both the neighborhood and city. And while he said that the meadow would change somewhat once community access is allowed, he also stressed his commitment to ensuring that the impacts are minimal, complementary to the property's unique characteristics and in sync with the community's wishes.

Mukri came to the City of Los Angeles following a 30-year career in the US Navy. He was recruited by former Mayor Riordan to turn the General Services Department around, and following his success in that role, was named to his current post.

Throughout the City, Mukri has been recognized as a forward thinking manager for acknowledging the value of open space for its restorative quality and for not insisting that all municipal parkland be open to organized recreation. CSSLR welcomes his leadership at Rec & Parks and is committed to working with Mukri, other city leaders and the rest of the Silver Lake community on plans to open the reservoir property to increased public



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